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Dear Mr. Seidel:

This is in response to your letter of April 27, 1978 regarding your query on the report about levels of asbestos being found in the water surrounding the National Gypsum site. Sorry for the delayed reply because we have to wait for the report from our Cincinnati Office Laboratory.

Attached are the analyst's reports on the samples from Little Falls, New Jersey and a copy of a news clipping from The Record about the findings of asbestos levels in Passaic River.

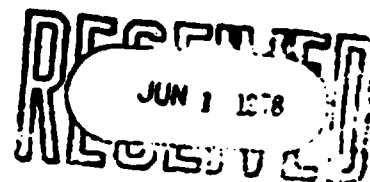
As you can see from the samples taken, the maximum level of asbestos concentration was found to be 769,000 fibers per liter of raw water. Asbestos does not pose a significant health problem until more than 2 million fibers are present. So there is really no danger regarding the levels of asbestos found in the Passaic River.

I hope this information satisfies your needs. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Attachments



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